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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN JOSE DIVISION

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WILBUR L. ROSS, JR., et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 5:20-cv-05799-LHK

**PLAINTIFFS' SUBMISSION
 REGARDING SCOPE OF
 ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**

Date: TBD
 Time: TBD
 Place: Courtroom 8
 Judge: Hon. Lucy H. Koh

The administrative record (“AR”) includes “all documents and materials directly or indirectly considered by agency decision-makers and includes evidence contrary to the agency’s position.” *Thompson v. U.S. Dep’t of Labor*, 885 F.2d 551, 555 (9th Cir. 1989); *Inst. For Fisheries Res. v. Burwell*, 2017 WL 89003, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 10, 2017). It does not matter that this was informal agency action and so there is no preexisting record. *New York v. United States Dep’t of Commerce*, 351 F. Supp. 3d 502, 631 (S.D.N.Y. 2019). For the AR to be complete, it must include any documents and materials considered by agency decision-makers when making the decision to replace the COVID-19 Plan with the Replan.

Defendants’ objections to scope are purely practical in nature: they cannot do what the law requires in “two days.” That is a problem of their own making; this Court told them, on August 26, that “[i]f there’s an administrative record, it should be produced.” Tr. 10:12-13. But given the upcoming September 17 PI hearing, Plaintiffs have no objection to a two-stage production that will, ultimately, result in a complete AR. The portion of the AR most important to the current PI motion, and which should be producible and produced in two days, should include:

- Subject matter: All documents (1) comprising the Replan and its various components for conducting the Census in a shortened time period, including guidance, directives, and communications regarding same; and (2) all documents and materials directly or indirectly considered when making the decision to replace the COVID-19 Plan with the Replan.
- Date Range: Apr. 13–Aug. 3, 2020. The AR cannot be artificially constrained in time. If the Replan was “informed” by the Bureau’s “prior planning,” then such documents must be included. But for purposes of the most immediate production, Defendants can limit their review to documents and materials directly or indirectly considered during these four months, as it seems most likely that any decision to replace the COVID-19 Plan (adopted April 13) with the Replan (adopted August 3) occurred during this time.
- Custodians: The first tranche of custodians can appropriately be limited to (1) Defendants Dillingham and Ross and all of their direct reports/subordinates, and (2) Deputy Director Fontenot, his subordinates, and the individuals engaged with Mr. Fontenot to consider and prepare the Replan.

This would not be “years” of data. Nor does it cover hundreds of employees. But it will allow the Court to see what the Replan was conceived to be and is; when the decision was made; and what was considered when making the decision to shorten the data collection and processing timeframes. Plaintiffs are prepared to file their reply brief within 48 hours of receiving this subset of the AR, or at any other time preferred by the Court, and respectfully submit that the complete AR should be compiled and lodged with the Court by September 16, 2020.

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